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FROM CAPTAIN STEWART TO COLONEL STANWIX.

FORT LOUDOUN Novem 24th. 1757

(A Copy)

SIR

For near Four Months past Colo. Washington has Labour'd under a Bloody Flux which till of late he did not conceive could be productive of those bad consequences it now too probably will terminate in, at least he would not be prevaild upon in any Degree to abate the exertion of that steady Zeal for the Interest of the Service he in so eminent a manner has always been remarkable for, however about two Weeks ago his Disorder greatly encreas'd and at the same time was seiz'd with Stitches & violent Pleuretick Pains under that Complication of Disorders his Strength & vigour diminish'd so fast that in a few days he was hardly able to Walk and was (by the Doctr.) at length prevail'd upon to leave this place as change of air & quietness (which he could not possibly enjoy here) was the best Chance that remain'd for his Recovery he is now Retir'd to his Seat on Potowmack River (about 90 Miles from hence) his Physicians give him no room to hope for his speedy Recovery. I heard from him yesterday, he expresses much concern for his omission of not giving you previous Notice of the necessity he was under of leaving this place and as he's not in condition to write himself desires Me to inform you of the reasons of it which I have now the honr. to do & begs leave to subscribe myself

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Very respectfully Sir & c (Signed) ROBERT STEWART